



Australian Government

SIFXVHC001 Drive funeral vehicles

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to safely and professionally drive mourning coaches, limousines, hearses and funeral escort vehicles. It applies to funeral home staff who drive funeral vehicles under supervision or as part of a team, and according to work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Vehicles

Unit Sector

Cross-Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Plan and prepare for journey.	1.1 Liaise with appropriate staff to identify and confirm work requirements. 1.2 Place courtesy equipment in vehicle as required. 1.3 Identify destination on map. 1.4 Determine most appropriate route and an alternative route according to workplace policies and procedures. 1.5 Liaise with security personnel or consultants and confirm police assistance or escorts for funeral processions when required.
2. Drive funeral vehicles.	2.1 Drive funeral vehicle according to relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures. 2.2 Refer to map where required and follow planned route.

- 2.3 Determine and follow funeral cortege positioning, move off sequence and signalling.
 - 2.4 Anticipate and avoid road and traffic hazards using defensive driving tactics.
 - 2.5 Park and secure funeral vehicle at destination.
- 3. Use electronic equipment.
 - 3.1 Check equipment according to manufacturer guidelines.
 - 3.2 Confirm backup communication strategies and liaise with relevant personnel regarding operation and coordination procedures.
 - 3.3 Use electronic equipment according to relevant legislation.
 - 3.4 Transmit and receive messages.
 - 3.5 Implement backup communication strategies.
- 4. Interact with mourners.
 - 4.1 Communicate with mourners in an appropriate manner.
 - 4.2 Open and close vehicle doors for mourners.
 - 4.3 Adjust vehicle climate according to client requirements.
 - 4.4 Provide courtesy equipment according to client requirements.

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for SIFXVHC001 Drive funeral vehicles

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- plan journey and select the most appropriate route to destination
- drive safely, respectfully and fluently in cortege conditions at correct speed and following designated signalling procedures.
- communicate and provide assistance to mourners according to industry protocols.

Evidence of performance on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- work requirements that need to be considered when driving vehicles for funerals, including but not restricted to:
 - type of funeral vehicle:
 - mourning coaches
 - limousines
 - hearses
 - escort motorcycles
 - time of funeral
 - location of funeral
 - equipment:
 - first aid kit
 - mobile phone
 - electronic communication equipment
 - street directory
 - religious ornaments
 - courtesy equipment
- workplace policies and procedures with regard to planning and preparing the journey, driving funeral vehicles while observing relevant legislation, first aid in the event of an accident
- road laws and regulations

- vehicle handling procedures
- vehicle controls and indicators
- telecommunication codes and conventions for the equipment:
 - CB radio
 - mobile phone
 - two-way radio
 - global positioning system
- environmental impacts and minimal impact practices
- funeral services industry parameters and protocols for dealing with the deceased and the bereaved.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - road or street locations between funeral service facilities
 - funeral vehicle and electronic communication equipment
 - documentation, including street maps or directories
- under industry conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions
 - interaction with appropriate personnel, team members and mourners

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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